



Hello Tribal Citizens. I am William (Weegee) Ortiz, Tribal Citizen #1690. I grew up in the Grand Rapids area and now live in Rapid River with my wife, Mindi (Beaver) Ortiz. I am the father of four awesome children. My mother is Nancy (Dayson) Ortiz originally from Nahma, MI and my grandmother was Mary (Shenoskey) Dayson from Burt Lake. I currently serve on the Natural Resources Commission, which I was appointed to in December 2017. It is with great thought that I have decided to run for Tribal Council

These are some of the issues that I am campaigning on:

- Our Casinos – Right now our casino is a stopover, but I believe it could be a destination. I understand that Council is not supposed to be nor should it be involved in the daily operations of any of our businesses but it can bring ideas to the table, like a real concert venue.
- Outside the Service Area Citizens – I know that Council is limited on some of the ways it can serve citizens outside of the area, but I believe there is a lot more they can do. I would like to have discussions with our outside the area citizens to find out what they would like to see in those areas, I will not presume to know what our citizens in any given area wants or needs.
- Open and honest – A promise I will make is to be open and honest with our tribal citizens I will not compromise my integrity or blow smoke for votes. One of the biggest problems I have witnessed over the last year is how much trust our tribal government has lost with our citizens. I strongly believe that there is very little our government does that should be kept from our citizens! If elected I will tell it like I see it.
- Natural Resources Commission – I have served as a commissioner for a little over a year now and it has been my pleasure to do so. Right now we are working on the 2020 Consent Decree that pertains to Great Lakes Treaty Fishing Rights.
- Seven generations – What is our tribe going to look like seven generations from now? I believe everyone one of us needs to think about that. Are we leaving a better tribe for our future generations? The decisions I make will be based on these principles. Gakina-awiiya.

These are just some of the issues I would like to see addressed by council. If elected, I will do my best to do so. The Natural Resources Commission is the only commission I have served on and I do realize that there will be a learning curve if elected to Council. I will do everything I can to make the learning curve as short as possible.

I look forward to the opportunity to work for you, our tribal citizens, if elected.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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